



Town of Camden
Comprehensive Plan Committee
Application Form
March 2012

Please fill out this form if you wish to be considered to serve on the Comprehensive Planning Committee, or working group

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

_____ Phone: _____

e-mail: _____

Please check *one or both* of the following (you will only be appointed to one)

1. ☐ I am interested in serving on the 7-member Comprehensive Planning Committee. I understand that the Committee will meet once or more each a month and the work may take up to 3 years.

OR

2. ☐ I am interested in serving on one of the following working groups, which will help the Comprehensive Planning Committee. The working groups will focus on a specific topic and will meet for a shorter period to accomplish their work.

If you wish to serve on a specific working group, please check your 1st, 2nd and 3rd etc. choices. You may check as many as you wish:

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| ___ Agricultural Resources | ___ Housing | ___ Regional Coordination |
| ___ Economy | ___ Marine Resources | ___ Transportation |
| ___ Forestry Resources | ___ Natural Resources | ___ Water Resources |
| ___ Historical Resources | ___ Recreation | ___ Demographics/Population |

3. Please provide some background about yourself and why you would like to serve on the Comprehensive Planning Committee or a Working Group.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

You will be notified when the Camden Select Board will be making appointments to the Comprehensive Planning Committee, as well as the Working Groups when those appointments are scheduled. If you have any questions, please contact Janice Esancy, the Town Manager's Administrative Assistant at 236-3353 or jesancy@camdenmaine.gov.

Comprehensive Plan Committee

Background

Thank you for your interest in serving on Camden's Comprehensive Plan Committee. Municipalities are encouraged by the State to review and update their Comprehensive Plans every 10 years. Camden's last Comprehensive Plan was approved by the voters in 2005

The Comprehensive Plan is one of the Town's most important documents. Because the Comprehensive Planning review process occurs approximately once every 10 years, the process needs to be thoughtful, thorough, and inclusive. Part of the process involves reviewing our community as it is, and establishing goals for the future. It helps the Town to make more informed long-term decisions about land use, transportation, natural resources, public facilities, utilities, economic development, housing, environmental protection, and other issues.

■ **Comprehensive Plan Committee Members.** Developing the Comprehensive Plan requires a considerable amount of time. The hope is to complete the work by Spring 2014, but it could take longer. The Committee will likely meet twice a month. If you decide to serve on the Comprehensive Plan Committee, please understand the time commitment that will be required.

■ **Working Group Members.** The Comprehensive Plan includes chapters which cover specific topics that need to be researched and updated. If you have a particular area of expertise or interest you may want to serve on a working group rather than the Comprehensive Planning Committee. Depending on the complexity of the topic, the working groups are intended to require a short-term time commitment.

Things you should consider

Prospective members should be prepared to:

- ✓ Attend meetings and do resource readings between meetings. The Comprehensive Plan Committee will establish its own schedule, but applicants should expect to meet twice a month, until the Plan is completed. Before signing up, please consider whether you can make this year-round commitment. Citizens who travel or who are absent for a good portion of the year may want to consider serving on a Working Group which will have a shorter commitment period.
- ✓ Become familiar with the Comprehensive Plan and the Zoning Ordinance, which are available on the Town's website at www.camdenmaine.gov
- ✓ Be open-minded and willing to encourage different points of view.

If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact a member of the Select Board or the Planning Board, or contact Janice Esancy, the Town Manager's Administrative Assistant at 236-3353 or jesancy@camdenmaine.gov.

Thank you for your interest!